

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets make changes to Figs. 3A, 3B, 8 and 9 and replace the original sheets with Figs. 3A, 3B, 8 and 9.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Figs. 3A, 3B, 8 and 9, the title, the specification and claims 1, 2 and 12-15 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

I. Objections to the Drawings

The Office Action objects to Figs. 3A, 3B, 8 and 9 due to informalities. Figs. 3A, 3B, 8 and 9 are amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. However, because reference character "W" is already depicted in Fig. 3A, Applicants traverse this objection. Applicants amend Fig. 3A to obviate the other objections. Furthermore, the specification is amended to conform with Fig. 3A, which discloses pixels from O to W (W+1 pixels). No new matter is added. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

II. Objection to the Specification

The Office Action objects to the title of the invention because it is not descriptive. The title is amended to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

III. Claim Objections

The Office Action objects to claims 1, 2 and 12-15 due to informalities. The claims are amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

IV. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Office Action rejects claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §101, claims 14 and 15 are amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

V. Pending Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3 and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,097,518 to Scott et al. (Scott); and rejects claims 2 and 4-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Scott and U.S. Patent No. 5,825,367 to Shyu et al. (Shyu). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 2 recite, *inter alia*, "an image data input section that receives input of image data described in a page description language; a page description language processing section that converts the page description language input image data." Independent claims 12-15 recite, *inter alia*, "receiving input of image data described in a page description language" and "converting the page description language input image data." Support for the amendment can be found in the specification at, for example, page 10, lines 1-20.

Scott fails to teach or disclose an image data input section that receives input of image data described in a page description language, and a page description language processing section that converts the page description language input image data. Shyu fails to cure the deficiency of Scott. Accordingly, the applied references, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest each and every feature of independent claims 1, 2 and 12-15.

For at least these reasons, independent claims 1, 2 and 12-15 and claims dependent therefrom are patentable over the applied references. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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